Government of Russia; and Government of India is required. The project envisages an investment of Rs. 2107 crores. Govt. of India's efforts in this direction culminated in the signing of a Protocol in the Fifth Session of Indo-Russian Inter Russian Governmental Commission in November, 1998. In the Protocoal, it has been proposed to use a part of India Rupee Debts as contribution of the Russian side to the Joint Venture Company.

Accordingly, Govt. of India have already formally presented to the Russian side the draft of an agreement which could be signed between the two countires. The response of the Russian Govt. is awaited. However, any scheme to be taken up for modernisation will have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

As regards financial assistance to IISCO Govt. of India had released Rs. 10 crores for implementation to VRS scheme in 1997-98 and Rs. 10 crores in 1998-99 for the same purpose. IISCO had incurred Rs. 16.39 crores in 1997-98 for the VRS scheme and as on 22.3.1999 they had utilised Rs. 6.70 crores.

Grant of planning/design allowance to engineers of CPWD

3064. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministerial Anomaly Committee has identified the anomaly in the pay scale of Assistant Engineers of CPWD and recommended higher pay scale to them;

(b) if so, what is the time frame fixed to remove the anomaly;

(c) whether it is also a fact that even after specific recommendations by the fifth CPC, the Planning/Design allowance is not yet granted to Junior Engineers, Engineers Assistant Engineers, Executive of CPWD; and

(d) if so, what efforts are made by his Ministry for granting the allowance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BHANDERU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) It is a fact that an Anomaly Committee constituted in this Ministry had recomended that grant of higher pay scale of Rs. 7500-12000 to all the Assistant Engineers of the CPWD instead of 50% posts as recommended by the 5th Pay Commission. The recommendation of Anomaly Committee are under consideration of the Government. No definite time frame can be fixed for taking a decision in the matter.

(c) and (d) The 5th Pay Commission have recommended grant of Planning/Designing allowance to various categories of officers posted in the Headquarters, Design & Planning Units. The CPWD have proposed that the Planning/Design allowance may be granted to all categories of staff deployed on Planning/Designing work in the Divisions/Circles/Zones as well.

Provision of Electricity and water for Dwarka Residents

3065. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to an article which appeared in the Delhi edition of the Statement dated 13th March, 1999 captioned, "Sinking without a trace";

(b) if so, the reaction thereto;

(c) the details of measures taken with time frame to provide electricity and water supply to Dwarka houses;

(d) whether there is proposal to construct under bride/flyover at the railway level crossing from the IGI airport side to access Dwarka; if so, when this will be operational; and

(e) if reply to part (d) is in the negative, the reasons therefor?